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TULSA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR DRUG, FIREARM AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES

Defendant also agreed to \$650,000 criminal forfeiture judgment

Northern District of Oklahoma United States Attorney Danny C. Williams Sr. and Madie M. Branch, Acting Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation, announced that Brandon Royce Taylor, 34, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for four counts of drug, firearm and money laundering violations on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, by U.S. District Judge Claire Eagan.

Taylor had pled guilty on June 3, 2013, to possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, maintaining drug involved premises, money laundering and possession of an unregistered destructive device. Co-conspirator Thamous Eugene Taylor was previously sentenced on August 21, 2013, to five years in prison after he pleaded guilty on May 17, 2013, to participating in a conspiracy to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. On August 8, 2013, Judge Eagan entered an agreed joint \$650,000 criminal forfeiture money judgment against the Taylors that represents the currency, firearms, ammunition and substitute property that they obtained as a result of their drug crimes. The currency was seized on January 31, 2009: \$101,003 from a residence in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and \$4,004 from another residence in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"IRS Criminal Investigation is committed to investigating the laundering of illegal drug profits of drug traffickers. By combining our financial skills and the investigative efforts of the ATF and the Tulsa and Broken Arrow Police Departments, we were able to take those profits away and put the Taylors in jail," said Acting Special Agent in Charge Madie M. Branch.

According to court documents, Brandon Taylor admitted that from 2006 through January 2009 he maintained the Elgin Place property in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of storing and distributing marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. He also admitted that he possessed cocaine while intending to distribute it and had an unregistered "street sweeper" shotgun. He committed money laundering when he made a \$13,000 cash payment to buy the Elgin Place property.

The case was investigated by special agents with IRS Criminal Investigation and Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms and police officers from Tulsa and Broken Arrow Police Departments. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert Trent Shores and Shannon Bears Cozzoni of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For additional information about IRS Criminal Investigation, please visit irs.gov.

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